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1. The exact status of the Mikrobiologisches Institut of the Schottwerke in relation to Jenapharm (VVB HMTM) is not clear. The two concerns are closely connected, located as they are in the same building at 13 Otto Schottstrasse, Jena. They do not maintain separate space and the employees in the building obviously regard themselves as connected with both concerns. The employees all belong to the Jenapharm labor union. Dr. Hans Knoell uses Jenapharm letter paper for commercial purposes and Institut letter paper for scientific correspondence.
2. The Mikrobiologisches Institut originally developed from Dr. Hans Knoell's work as a bacteriologist for the Schott firm during World War II. This work was carried out within the framework of the Zeiss-Schott foundation (Zeiss-Stiftung) and when, in the course of his research, Knoell became interested in the production of penicillin, he was aided by Dr. (fnu) Michel, chief of the Mikrodepartment (sic) (microscope department?) of the Zeiss firm. Michel is now at Heinhelm.
3. As Knoell's work grew in size and importance, two developments took place. First, in order to avoid assigning pure research tasks to an industrial concern (1), the Mikrobiologisches Institut was created with Knoell as its chief; this was done in order to avoid giving Knoell the appearance of an industrial scientist. Actually, the Institut was, for the most part, a paper organization, and most of the work was carried out by the bacteriological department of the Schott firm, which Knoell also headed (2). Secondly, Jenapharm, which was already in existence (3), was organized to handle the commercial side of the results of the work undertaken at the Mikrobiologisches Institut (4).
4. There are plans to enlarge Jenapharm in the near future, at which time the production of chemotherapeutic materials will be increased. Barracks are being fitted out for this purpose in the yard of the Schottwerke. [redacted] this is a temporary expedient, and [redacted] an entirely new complex is to be erected outside Jena within the framework of the Five-Year-Plan. The new institute for tuberculosis BCG research is also being built in a separate location so that, outwardly, at least, the appearance of a separation between industrial production and research will be maintained in the future.

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5. Beside the work on nuclei of bacteria, hereditary cancer in mice, antibiotics, and "Liesegangringe", work is in progress under Dr. Knoell on vitamins in crystallized form.

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- (1) Comment: [redacted] in Germany it is considered improper to assign tasks in pure research to industrial concerns.

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- (2) Comment: In addition, Dr. Knoell was also given a position at the municipal health office without curtailment of his activities at the Schottwerke.

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- (3) Comment: Presumably as a subsidiary of either Zeiss or Schott, or the Zeiss-Schott Foundation.

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- (4) Comment: [redacted] Knoell's relations with the principal personnel at Zeiss and Schott deteriorated after he received the 1948 Nationalpreis of the DDR. Presumably, his activities as the head of the Mikrobiologisches Institut and Schottwerke were transferred to Jenapharm after his acceptance of this award. If this is so, it would explain the present close ties between the Institut and Jenapharm [redacted]

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